



## **Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **The Value Proposition of the Communications Unit**

**November 19, 2013 – 9am to 12pm**

- Agencies in Arizona and around the country struggle with Incident Commanders understanding the value a COML and/or COMT brings to an event or incident.
- Participants in this seminar will hear from practitioners and subject matter experts on the value of the Communications Unit during multi-agency events, whether large scale preplanned events or rapidly developing incidents managed through the Communications Center.
- Speakers will share lessons learned and use real life examples of what can be accomplished when this role is integrated into events, incidents, training and exercises.

#### **Yarnell – Interoperability after the Tragedy**

Captain Mike Worrell of the Phoenix Fire Department will discuss the interoperability issues that occurred after the Yarnell Fire, stemming from the outpouring of help to the Prescott community. Hundreds of agencies responded with radio equipment from their respective jurisdictions. Speaking as the lead COML during this time period, Captain Worrell will review: 1. Recognition of the problem, 2. Available resources or lack of, 3. Identification of priorities, 4. Problem resolution working with operations, and 5. Follow up.

#### **The Value a COML brings to the table for Event Planning and Emergency Response**

Lieutenant Brian Lee of the Phoenix Police Department will present an overview of lessons learned regarding the benefits of integrating a COML into the planning phase of a planned event. Additionally, he will share best practices learned from continuous integration of a COML into unplanned or emergency response to a significant event. Lt. Lee will share his experiences as an Operations Section Chief for the Phoenix Police Department and City of Phoenix Incident Management Team regarding the value of integrating a COML as a component of the planning and response option.

#### **COMT Deployment post Super Storm Sandy – Nassau County NY**

Lieutenant Mark Cady of the Worcester Fire Department will discuss the deployment of a COMT Team from Massachusetts and Connecticut to Nassau County, New York. He will explain the planning for the deployment based on the mission and the actual missions in the field. He will review the need for a well-rounded COMT Team based on skill set and discipline. Lt. Cady will share the lessons learned while in the field assisting with system restoration. The Massachusetts COMU Team is very active with interstate planning utilizing COML and COMT for small and large events. The MA COMU meets monthly and communicates daily on technical assistance issues and planning for events and incidents.

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**Tuesday, November 19, 2013 – 9am to 12pm**

**AZ Dept of Administration, 100 N 15th Ave, 3rd floor conference Room  
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**Who Should Attend:** Public Safety Executive Leadership and Incident Commanders.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP no later than Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>:

**Register to attend in person:**

<http://tinyurl.com/PSIC-Nov-19-2013>

**Register to attend via webinar:**

<http://tinyurl.com/COMUwebinar>